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PRESS RELEASE

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Date/Time of Event: Sunday, April 14, 2002, 3 p.m.
Nature of Event: Deputies Take On Women Basketball Champs To Help Kids
Location of Event: Granite Bay High School Gym, 1 Grizzly Way, Granite Bay
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SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

The Placer County Deputy Sheriffs' Association basketball team is taking on a most formidable opponent to benefit children. On Sunday, April 14, the deputies will play a team of women basketball champions known as the Legends.

Legends: Kids First, Inc. is led by Cardte Hicks, a member of the 1984 U.S. Olympic gold-medal winning basketball team. Most members of the Legends spent their professional careers playing overseas where women's basketball is a highly visible sport. These women are still at the top of their games, but have been deemed too old to play in the WNBA. The non-profit Legends now focus the same drive and energy they brought to the courts in their professional careers to help provide hard-working children with learning opportunities.

Latasha Byears, current star of the WNBA's Los Angeles Sparks and former Monarch, has agreed to join the Legends in their attempt to beat the deputies. Byears is playing on behalf of the Latasha Byears Foundation.

In addition to an exciting game of basketball, there will be a Maloof Sports Entertainment booth featuring information on the Sacramento Kings, Monarchs and Knights. There will also be autograph opportunities with the Legends and others; a special half-time game with the Lil' Legends girls' team and a basketball stars memorabilia auction.

The game will be held at 3 p.m. at the Granite Bay High School gymnasium. Adult tickets are \$5 (\$7 at the door) and children ages 5-12 are \$3 (\$5 at the door.) Children four and under are admitted free. To purchase tickets, or for further information, call the Legends at (800) 590-7175.

Part of the event's proceeds will be given to the Placer County Sheriff's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. For more information on how the Legends provide opportunities to inner city and disadvantaged youth, check their website at www.thelegends.org.

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